



NJ SCHOOL SERVICE SURVEY



Welcome to the NJ School Service Survey. This survey is designed to obtain vital information of service activities within your school. This brief survey will provide information that will be used to formulate future program and policy directions and will help us to be more responsive to schools needing assistance in the development of service programs. ***Please mail responses by Tuesday, November 26, 2002***, to: The NJ Learn and Serve America Program, 100 Riverview Plaza, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500. This form is available online at <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/lsa> If you have any questions, you may call Rowena Madden or Linda V. Rivera at 609-633-9627.

1. Does your school have a community service program(s)? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, please describe the program(s) currently active in your school.

2. When does the community service occur? Please check all that apply:
_____ During School Hours _____ After School Hours
_____ During Summer Session _____ Not at All

3. What percentage of your student body is involved in service projects?
_____ Less than 5% of the student body participates
_____ 5-10% participate
_____ 10-25% participate
_____ 25-50% participate
_____ Over 50% participate

4. On which areas do your service programs focus?
_____ Beautification Projects _____ International Initiatives
_____ Community History _____ Literacy/Tutoring
_____ The Disabled _____ Intergenerational
_____ Environment _____ Young Children
_____ The Homeless _____ Other (Please describe)

5. Do students receive academic credit for service activities?
_____ Yes _____ No

6. Is service a graduation requirement, and if so how many hours per year are required?
_____ Yes (Please check the appropriate number of hours below.)
_____ 10 hours or less _____ 41-60 hours
_____ 11-20 hours _____ 60 hours or above
_____ 21-40 hours
_____ No

7. Is there an evaluation given to your students for their service work?
_____ Yes
_____ No

8. Do students receive recognition for their service accomplishments and if so, what type?

_____ Yes – Type: _____
_____ No

9. Have service activities been integrated into the curriculum? If so, which classes?

10. How familiar are you with service-learning? Please check all that apply:

_____ Do not know what service-learning is
_____ Heard of Service-learning but do not know very much about it
_____ Would like more information on service-learning
_____ Am very familiar with service-learning
_____ Service-learning is no different from community service

11. Do you support the concept of service-learning based on the following definition?
Service-learning is a method of instruction that combines meaningful service to the community with classroom studies in a way that improves learning and strengthens the community.

_____ Yes
_____ No

12. Does a service-learning program currently exist at your school?

_____ Yes
_____ No

13. What portion of your faculty/staff/administration is familiar with service-learning?

_____ Fewer than 25% _____ More than 75% are familiar
_____ 25-50% are familiar _____ Not Applicable

14. Is your district planning on implementing a service-learning program in the future?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Am not sure

15. Would you support a state mandate (such as that of Maryland) making either community service or service-learning a graduation requirement for New Jersey Students?

_____ Yes
_____ No

16. Do you currently have a coordinator or director of service-learning or community service in your school? Who is responsible for managing your school's service work?

_____ Full Time coordinator
_____ Part Time coordinator
_____ Neither a Full Time or part time coordinator per se, although other school employees (eg. Teachers, administrators) fulfill such a roll.

17. Who provides transportation for off-campus student service activities. Please select as many as apply.

- ☐ School provides at least some transportation
- ☐ Parents provide transportation
- ☐ Students provide own transportation
- ☐ Transportation provided by all of the above: school, parents and students

18. How has your school addressed the issue of liability for off-campus student service activities?

19. How are your service activities funded? Please select as many as apply.

- ☐ School Boards provide funding for salaries & transportation
- ☐ School and/or school clubs sponsor fundraising events
- ☐ Civic organizations (such as a Rotary Club) help with funding
- ☐ Received a government grant
- ☐ Received a corporate grant
- ☐ Other – Please Describe- _____

20. Do you use service activities to provide students with opportunities to explore career options?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

21. What impact, has involvement in community service/service-learning had on your students? Please select as many as apply.

- ☐ Promotes good citizenship and character development
- ☐ Helps solve community problems
- ☐ Develops leadership and teamwork skills
- ☐ Gives students an opportunity to feel they have made a difference
- ☐ Serves as a good vehicle for student career exploration
- ☐ Improves students' academic performance
- ☐ Increases the likelihood of volunteering as adults
- ☐ Provides good community relations for the school
- ☐ Fosters inter-generational relationships within the community
- ☐ Little, if any, impact
- ☐ Difficult to administer
- ☐ Do not have enough information

Thank you for completing this survey

Please send completed copies to:

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